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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN

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1. IN ABSENCE MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER AT UNGA IN NEW YORK, CHARGE SEPTEMBER 25 CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS RAKOTODRAMASY TO PRESENT DEMARCHE ON KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN, AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. DEMARCHE WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THE SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 22 SPEECH.

2. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION, WHICH INCLUDED STRESS ON VITAL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO VOTING IN UN ON KOREAN QUESTION, RAKOTODRAMASY SAID GOMR SHARES US CONCERN FOR REDUCING TENSION IN KOREA. HE PROMISED MINISTRY WOULD GIVE "FULL CONSIDER-ATION" TO OUR POSITION.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE STRENGTH OF DEMARCHE AND COURTEOUS RECEPTION ACCORDED IT BY RAKOTODRAMASY, EMBASSY WOULD BE SURPRISED IF MADAGASCAR SUPPORTS US ON KOREAN ISSUE, OR EVEN ABSTAINS IN UN VOTING. MODERATE MALAGASY FOREIGN
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MINISTER TIANDRAZA AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS SUCH AS
RAKOTODRAMASY MIGHT WELL BE OPEN TO PERSUASION PERSONALLY,
BUT WE BELIEVE MADAGASCAR'S VOTE ON KOREA WILL BE
DICTATED BY PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA, WHO TAKES A SPECIAL
INTEREST IN FOREIGN POLICY.

4. RATSIRAKA AND NORTH KOREA'S KIM IL SONG HAVE EXCHANGED
EFFUSIVE MESSAGES OF MUTUAL ADMIRATION, LATEST OCCASION
BEING CABLE SENT BY KIM SEPTEMBER 10 EXPRESSING TOTAL
SUPPORT FOR RATSIRAKA'S CLOSURE OF NASA SATELLITE TRACKING
IN MADAGASCAR. KIM WAS ONLY FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE TO
SEND SUCH A MESSAGE. RATSIRAKA IN PUBLISHED REPLY STATED:
"I SHARE ENTIRELY YOUR CONVICTION CONCERNING THE STRNEGTH-
ENING...OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, SO THAT OUR
COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION MAY ALWAYS
BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS."
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